NUWC Biography

RADM (Select) William G. Timme Commander



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Rear Admiral (Sel) William G. Timme, United States Navy, assumed command of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) on 10 January 2003. In addition to command of NUWC, Rear Admiral (Sel) Timme also serves as the Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare (SEA 07) for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

The son of a career military officer, RADM (Sel) Timme attended Rutgers University for one year prior to entering the Naval Academy in 1974, graduating with distinction in 1978 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Following commissioning and completion of nuclear power and basic submarine training, RADM (Sel) Timme reported to USS Archerfish (SSN 678) in April 1980. He served as Reactor Controls Assistant and Weapons Officer, completing three deployments.

In March 1983, RADM (Sel) Timme was assigned to the Personnel Exchange Program for two years with the Royal Navy in Great Britain. He served on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines at the Commander-in-Chief Fleet Headquarters in Northwood, England.

RADM (Sel) Timme completed Submarine Officers Advanced Course in October 1985, earning the L. Y. Spear Award as class honorman. He then reported as new construction Engineer Officer on the PCU Tennessee (SSBN 734), where the ship earned the Navy Unit Commendation during the shipyard construction period.



Following this tour, RADM (Sel) Timme served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., as the submarine department head detailer. During this tour he earned a masters degree in Engineering Management from The Catholic University. RADM (Sel) Timme then relieved as Executive Officer of USS Chicago (SSN 721) in April 1991, earning the Battle Efficiency "E" award.

Subsequently, he served as Flag Secretary and Senior Aide to Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet from July 1992 until May 1994.

In March 1995, RADM (Sel) Timme relieved as Commanding Officer, USS Helena (SSN 725) and conducted two western Pacific deployments which included numerous exercises and operations, including supporting the USS Constellation Battle Group. Subsequently, USS Helena conducted an interfleet transfer and began a Depot Modernization Period at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

In May 1998, RADM (Sel) Timme reported to the New Attack Submarine Program as the Warfare Requirements and Fleet Liaison Officer. In June 2000, RADM (Sel) Timme relieved as the Program Manager for Undersea Weapons, responsible for all of the Navy's torpedo programs from cradle-tograve.

RADM (Sel) Timme was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in May 2002. He is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal and several unit and service awards.

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center operates the Navy's full-spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering, and fleet support center for submarines, submarine combat systems, autonomous underwater systems, undersea ranges, and offensive and defensive weapons systems associated with undersea warfare. NUWC headquarters are in Newport, RI. The main divisions of NUWC are located in Newport and Keyport, WA. (1/03)